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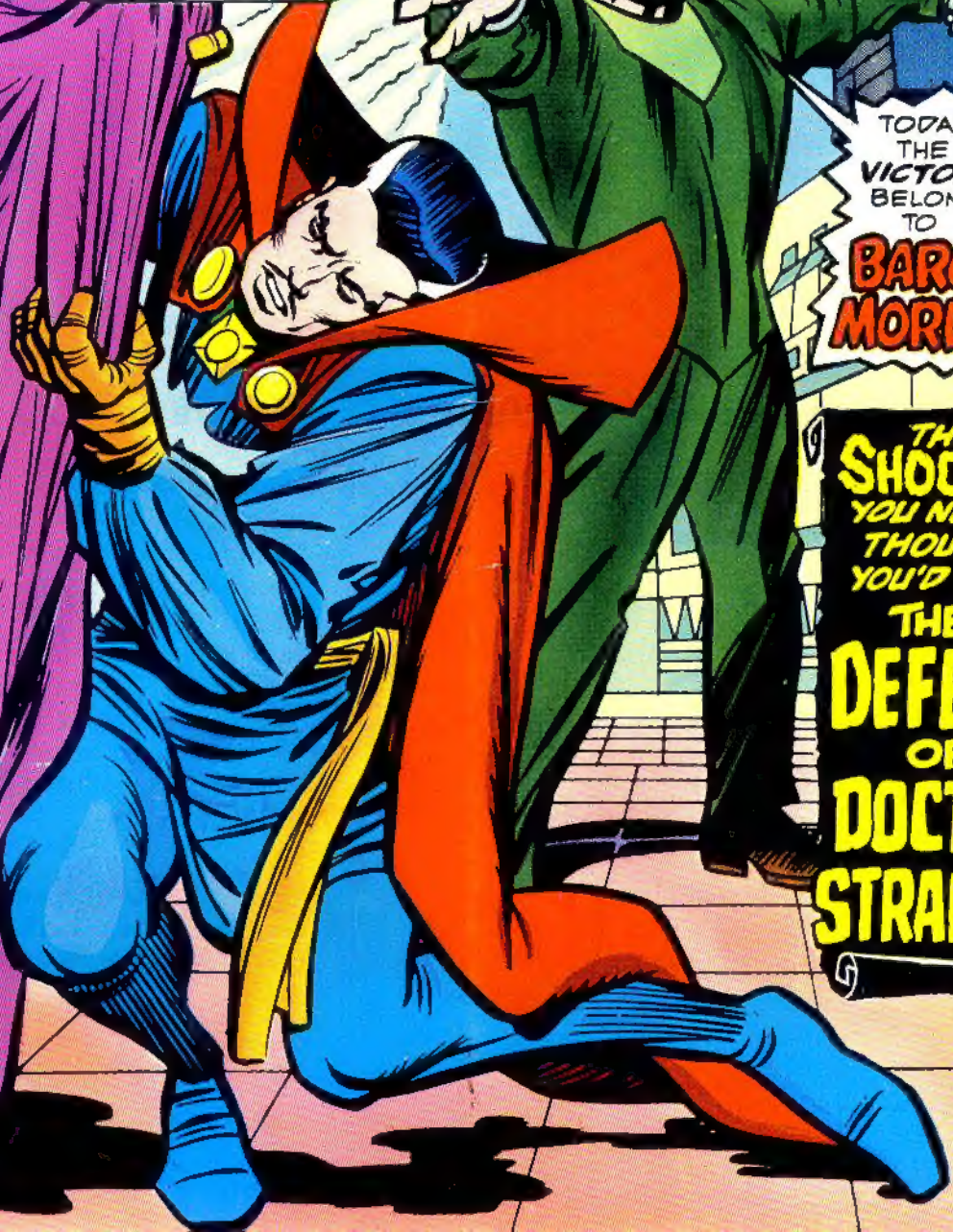


EVEN YOU CANNOT
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THE
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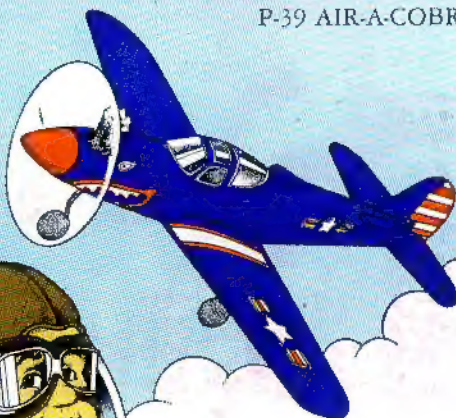
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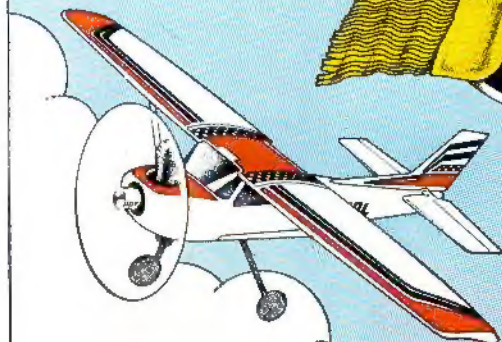
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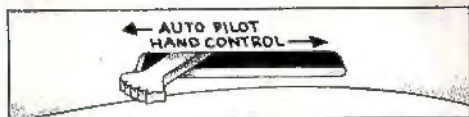
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WITHOUT LIMIT SO THAT
YOU MAY DESTROY
DR. STRANGE!

IT IS AGREED!

**BEHOLD, BARON MORDO,
MOST EVIL MAGICIAN ON
EARTH--THE SWORN ENEMY
OF ALL THAT IS GOOD--THE ONLY
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THAT OF DOCTOR STRANGE HIMSELF!!**

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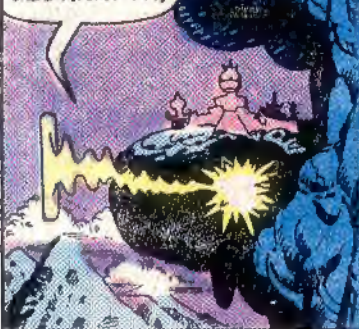
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LATER, AS THE SILENT SHROUD OF NIGHT ENGULFS THE MOUNTAINOUS RETREAT OF THE ANCIENT ONE, IN FAR-OFF TIBET, A MYSTIC SHAPE APPROACHES THE LONELY SANCTUM...

WE HAVE REACHED OUR DESTINATION!



WHILE, WITHIN THE COLD, STONE WALLS, DR. STRANGE AND HIS AGED MENTOR PRACTICE THEIR MYSTIC, AWESOME RITES...

YOU HAVE MASTERED THE SHADOWY ARTS QUITE WELL, MY SON...



AND, OUTSIDE AGAIN

LET US NOW ASSUME OUR RIGHTFUL FORMS! THE TIME TO STRIKE HAS COME!



YOU WILL BOTH OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND-- FOLLOW MY ORDERS TO THE LETTER! WITH THE ADDITIONAL POWER I HAVE BEEN GIVEN, I CAN DO ANYTHING!



HOW EASILY I CAN CONJURE UP A SIMPLE SPELL WHICH CAUSES OUR PRESENCE TO GO UNNOTICED BY OUR VICTIMS INSIDE!



LET EVERY PROTECTIVE DEVICE WITHIN THIS PLACE BE SILENCED! LET NONE SUSPECT THE COMING OF BARON MORDO!



AND THEN, WITH THE SUDDEN FURY OF A DEMON'S WRATH, MORDO AND HIS TWO FEARSOME FOLLOWERS ATTACK!

IT IS MORDO! SAVE YOURSELF, MY SON! I SHALL RESIST HIM AS LONG AS I AM ABLE!

NO, ANCIENT ONE! YOUR SHIELD IS USELESS AGAINST THE POWER OF HIS ATTACK! I CANNOT LEAVE YOU!

NOW, WHILE THEY ARE COMPLETELY OFF-GUARD WE SHALL DESTROY THEM BOTH!

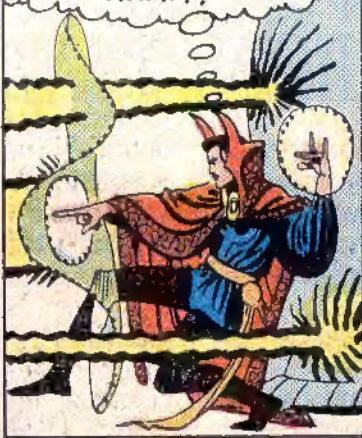


THERE IS MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE! MORDO HAS NEVER POSSESSED SUCH STAGGERING MIGHT!

I CANNOT HOLD HIM OFF MUCH LONGER! HIS FURY IS MIND-SHATTERING!

HE'S FORCING ME BACK-- BACK-- / SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO INCREASE HIS MYSTIC POWER!! BUT-- WHAT??

I CANNOT STOP THE ONSLAUGHT OF HIS SPELLS! I MUST TAKE DRASTIC ACTION FAST-- OR THE ANCIENT ONE AND I ARE DOOMED!

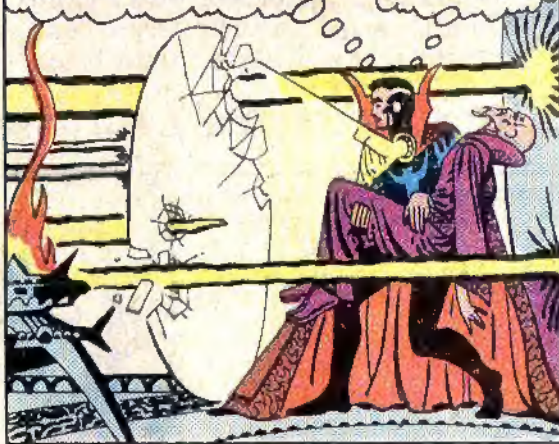


HOW I'VE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT OF TRIUMPH! SEE HOW WE FORCE HIM BACK! DO NOT LET UP! ATTACK! ATTACK!



I'VE GOT TO RESORT TO THE ENCHANTMENT OF MY AMULET! IT MUST HOLD THEM BACK UNTIL I CAN SAVE THE ANCIENT ONE-- IT MUST!

NO! EVEN THAT ISN'T ENOUGH! THEY'RE CRACKING ITS IONIC SCREEN!



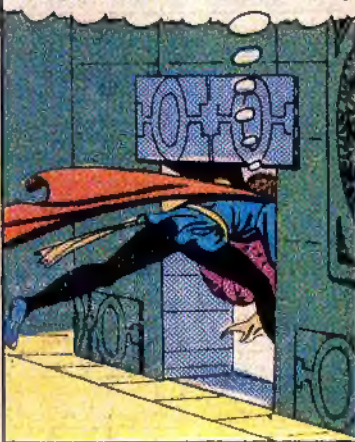
AND THEN, IN SHEER DESPERATION, THE TRAPPED MASTER OF MAGIC CAUSES HIS AMULET TO GLOW WITH ITS MOST SHIMMERING, DAZZLING LIGHT--!

I CANNOT SEE-- THAT BRIGHTNESS-- IT NUMBS THE SENSES!

IT'S BLINDING ME!! TURN IT OFF!!



THAT GAVE ME JUST THE TIME I NEEDED!! ONCE I CARRY THE MASTER THRU THIS SECRET PASSAGE, WE'LL STILL HAVE A SLIM CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL!



THERE! I'LL SEAL THE EXIT AND DESTROY THE BRIDGE BEHIND ME!

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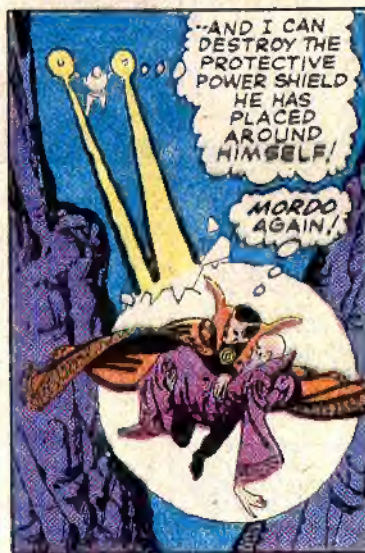
WAIT HERE UNTIL I SUMMON YOU!



I'M JUST IN TIME!! HE'S FLYING OFF-- HELD ALOFT BY HIS CLOAK OF LEVITATION!



BUT, I HAVE BEEN GIVEN FAR GREATER POWERS! I CAN CONQUER GRAVITY WITHOUT A MYSTIC CLOAK!



--AND I CAN DESTROY THE PROTECTIVE POWER SHIELD HE HAS PLACED AROUND HIMSELF!

MORDO AGAIN!



IT IS FORTUNATE I WAS ABLE TO HIDE BEHIND THIS LEDGE! HE PASSED ME BY! BUT, FOR HOW LONG CAN I BE SAFE FROM HIM?



MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER DIMENSION-- A DARK, DISMAL DIMENSION, WE FIND...

MORDO HAS HAD TIME ENOUGH TO COMPLETE HIS MISSION! I CAN SUPPLY HIS POWER NO LONGER!



OF ALL WHO LIVE, ONLY I AM MIGHTY ENOUGH TO SEND MY SPELLS TO ANOTHER DIMENSION, TO HELP MORDO BATTLE OUR COMMON FOE!

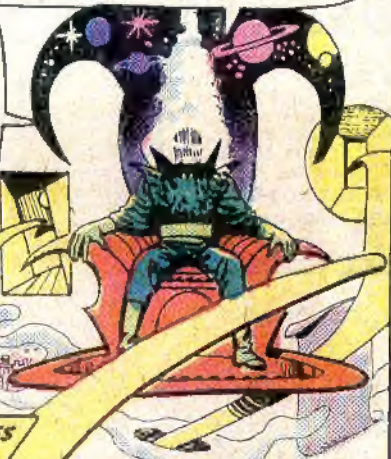


BUT, NOW I MUST REST! I MUST BUILD UP MY ENERGY AGAIN! THIS STRAIN WOULD HAVE BEEN FATAL TO ANY EXCEPT ME!

--BUT, I AM NOT ANYONE ELSE! I AM THE DREAD DORMAMMU-- LORD OF THE DARK DIMENSION!! I AM MIGHTIEST OF THE MIGHTIEST!

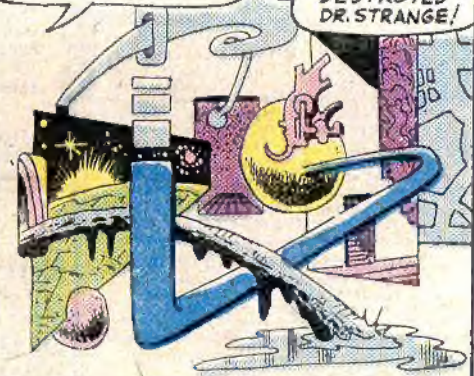
WHEN LAST WE FOUGHT, I PLEDGED MY WORD TO ATTACK DR. STRANGE NO MORE!! * BUT, I AM NOT SO DOING! IT IS MORDO WHO ATTACKS HIM-- MORDO, USING THE POWER OF DORMAMMU! THE POWER THAT I GIVE HIM!

* SEE STRANGE TALES #127--STAN.



THEN, ONCE STRANGE IS DESTROYED, THERE WILL BE NONE REMAINING WHO CAN STOP MY CONQUEST OF EARTH, THE HOME OF THE HUMAN RACE!

AND NOW THAT MY VIRTUALLY LIMITLESS STRENGTH HAS RETURNED, I SHALL CONTACT MY HUMAN AGENT AND LEARN HOW HE DESTROYED DR. STRANGE!



AND SO... WHAT?! HE ESCAPED YOU?! AND AFTER I HAD GIVEN YOU ENOUGH POWER TO MAKE YOU DEFEAT ANYONE!! YOU MORTAL BUNGLER!!

HAVE A CARE, DORMAMMU!! NOT EVEN YOU CAN SPEAK TO MORDO IN SUCH A MANNER!!



HE ELUDED ME BY MEANS OF A TRICK! BUT, HIS ESCAPE IS ONLY TEMPORARY! IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS BEFORE I HAVE HIM!

I SHALL BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR DR. STRANGE IMMEDIATELY!



ONCE AGAIN I SHALL AID YOU, MORDO! THESE SPIRITS FROM THE NETHER WORLD, INVISIBLE TO UNTRAINED EYES, SHALL DO YOUR SEARCHING FOR YOU!




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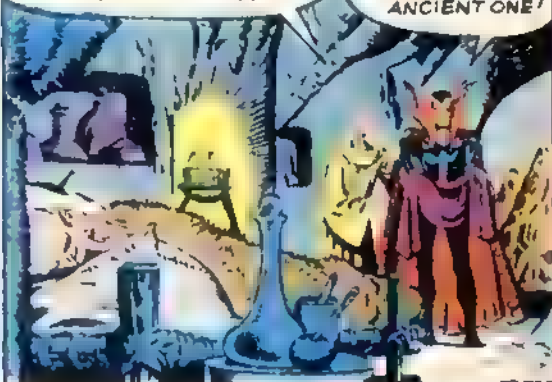
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MEANWHILE, IN THE HIDDEN CAVE OF A DEDICATED TIBETAN HERMIT...

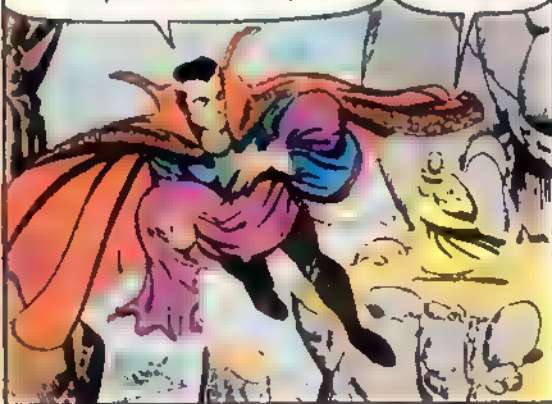
I SHALL LOOK AFTER THE MASTER! BUT WHAT OF YOU?? HOW WILL YOU ESCAPE DETECTION BY THE EVIL MORDO??

MY SAFETY IS OF NO IMPORTANCE-- JUST SO LONG AS I LEAD THE PURSUERS AWAY FROM THE ANCIENT ONE!



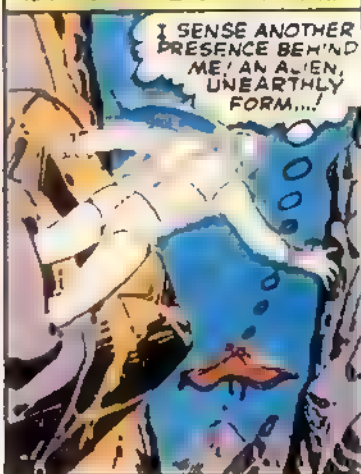
WITH THIS BUNDLE OF RAGS IN MY ARMS, IT WILL LOOK AS THOUGH I AM STILL CARRYING THE VENERABLE ONE! I MUST LEAD MORDO SO FAR AWAY THAT HE CAN NEVER AGAIN PICK UP THE MASTER'S TRAIL!

MAY THE ALL-SEEING EYE OF AGAMOTTO WATCH OVER YOU, YOUNG MASTER!



HOURS LATER, AS THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS TRAVELS TOWARDS THE CHINA SEA...

I SENSE ANOTHER PRESENCE BEHIND ME! AN ALIEN, UNEARTHLY FORM....!



I CANNOT BE CERTAIN WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE IT IS, BUT, IN TRUTH, HE IS SURELY A TOOL OF THE EVIL MORDO!



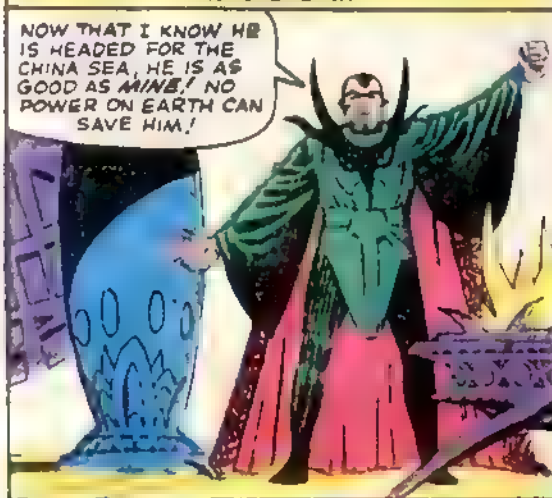
AND, AS NIGHT FALLS...

EVEN THOUGH HE HAD FOUND ME, HIS SPEED COULD NOT MATCH MY OWN! BUT, HE IS CERTAIN TO REPORT MY PRESENCE TO MORDO!



AND THEN, EXACTLY AS DR. STRANGE HAD PREDICTED...

NOW THAT I KNOW HE IS HEADED FOR THE CHINA SEA, HE IS AS GOOD AS MINE! NO POWER ON EARTH CAN SAVE HIM!



THE ANCIENT ONE HAS ALREADY BEEN DEFEATED! ONLY DR. STRANGE REMAINS! AND WITH THE MIGHT OF THE DREAD DORMAMMU BEHIND ME I SHALL CRUSH HIM LIKE A FLEA!

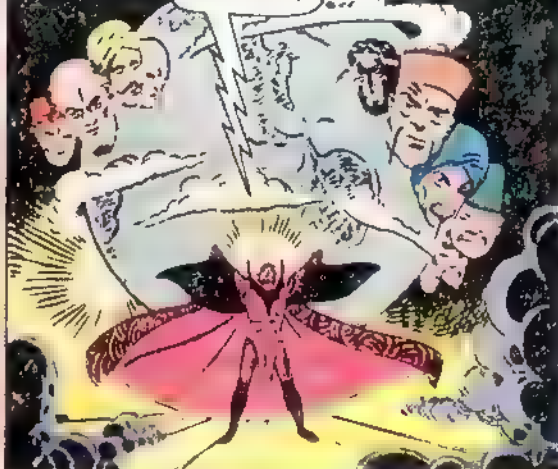


STAND ASIDE, CREATURES OF THE NETHER WORLD! I AM ABOUT TO CAST A SPELL--ONE SUCH AS YOU HAVE NEVER DREAMED OF!!



THEN, AIDED BY THE AWESOME POWER OF THE DREAD DORMAMMU, MORDO SENDS AN IMPERIOUS COMMAND TO ALL THE DABBLERS IN THE MYSTIC ARTS--TO ALL THE PRACTITIONERS OF BLACK MAGIC THROUGHT THE WORLD--!

DR. STRANGE MUST BE FOUND! YOU ARE COMMANDED TO REPORT TO ME IF YOU SEE HIM!



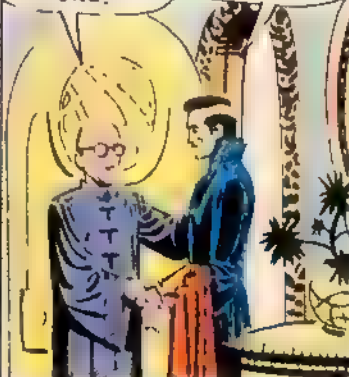
AND, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE MYSTERIOUS CITY OF HONG KONG...



I MUST HAVE HELP! THERE IS ONE HERE WHOM I CAN TRUST...

AHH, MY OLD FRIEND, DR. STRANGE, WELCOME TO MY HUMBLE HOME! HOW FARES THE ALL-WISE ANCIENT ONE?

HE IS NOT WELL, SEN-YU! EVIL POWERS ARE AT LARGE, THREATENING HIM--AND ALL OF MANKIND!



THEN, AFTER THE STORY HAS BEEN TOLD...

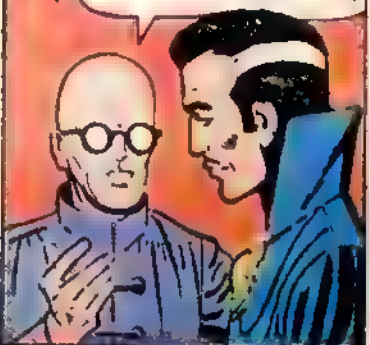
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO GUARDS THE ANCIENT ONE'S WEALTH, HONORABLE SEN-YU! THERE WAS NO OTHER TO WHOM I COULD TURN!

SAY NO MORE! MY HOME IS YOURS! MY LIFE IS YOURS, IF NEED BE!



MANY YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS AT DEATH'S DOOR--THE GENIUS OF THE MASTER SAVED ME! I TRIED TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLE, BUT ALAS, I HAD NOT YOUR ABILITY!

HOWEVER, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS, I TOO SERVE THE ANCIENT ONE IN MY OWN HUMBLE WAY!



NOW YOU MUST REST, WHILE I BRING YOU NEW PROVISIONS!

HOW CAN I REST? THE ANCIENT ONE IS SICK--OR DYING--MORDO IS ON MY TRAIL--!



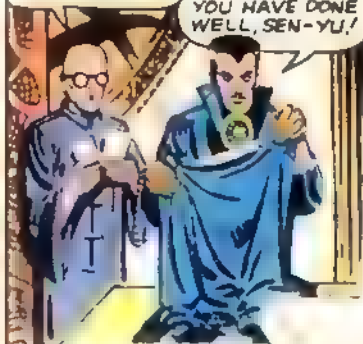
--AND, BY SOME SINISTER STROKE OF FATE, HE HAS BECOME MORE POWERFUL THAN I! IF HE DEFEATS ME, WHAT WILL BEFALL MANKIND?!



BUT, SLEEP FINALLY COMES TO THE WEARY SORCERER! AND WHEN HE AWAKES NEXT MORN, HE FINDS...

I HAVE A PASSPORT FOR YOU-- MONEY-- NEW CLOTHES-- ALL YOU WILL NEED IN YOUR ATTEMPT TO HIDE FROM MORDO!

YOU HAVE DONE WELL, SEN-YU!

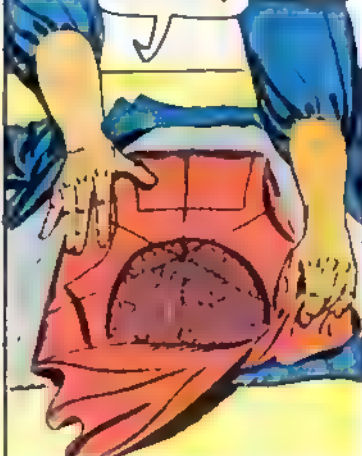


HIDING FROM A FOE IS NEW TO ME! AND YET, THE WISE MAN KNOWS THERE IS A TIME TO FIGHT, AND A TIME TO FLEE-- TO STOP AND MAKE NEW PLANS!

I DARE NOT WEAR MY CLOAK OF LEVITATION...



I SHALL FOLD IT, AND HIDE IT WITHIN THE LINING OF MY SUIT! ITS POWER WILL STILL BE INTACT!



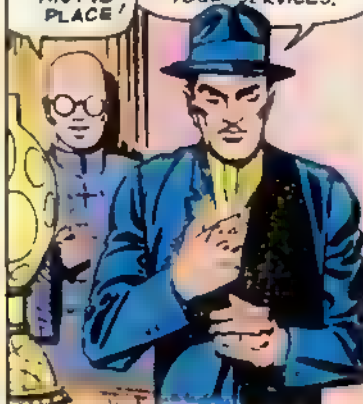
NONE WOULD SUSPECT IT'S THERE, YOUNG MASTER!

GOOD! THEN NOTHING MORE REMAINS! I MUST LEAVE AT ONCE!



WHY DO YOU NOT STAY HERE? IT IS A PERFECT HIDING PLACE!

NO! I CANNOT PLACE YOU IN SUCH JEOPARDY! BUT, REMAIN ALERT, TRUSTED ONE-- I MAY HAVE FURTHER USE FOR YOUR SERVICES!



HE LEAVES WITHOUT A BACKWARD GLANCE! HIS STEP STEADY-- HIS VOICE FIRM-- EVEN THOUGH HE FACES THE MOST POWERFUL FOE ON EARTH!



BUT NOT FOR LONG CAN DR. STRANGE ESCAPE THE SHARP EYES OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO WATCH FOR HIM...

IT IS HE! MORDO MUST BE NOTIFIED! SOUND THE ALARM!

AH SO! HE SHALL NOT ESCAPE US!



I HOPE I'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN LEADING THEM AWAY FROM THE ANCIENT ONE! NOW, WHEN THEY FIND ME, IT WILL JUST BE MORDO AND I, FACE-TO-FACE!



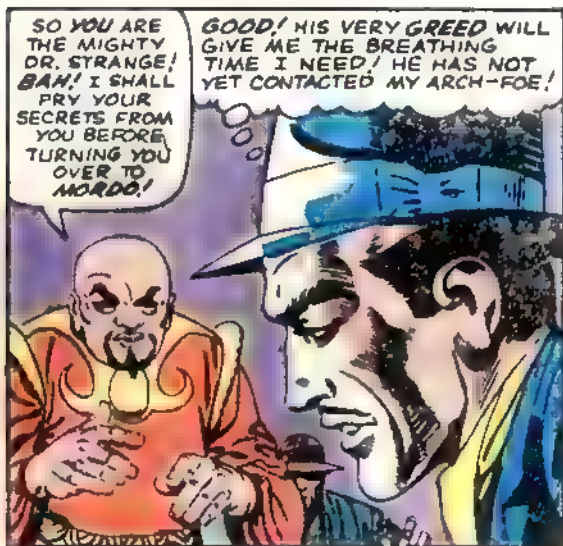
AND THEN, THE HIGHLY-DEVELOPED MYSTIC SENSES OF THE MASTER OF NECROMANCY REGISTER AN ALARM...

THEY'VE FOUND ME!





I'M SURROUNDED! THERE ISN'T TIME TO BLANKET THE AREA WITH A SPELL! I-I'VE GOT TO THINK-- FAST!!



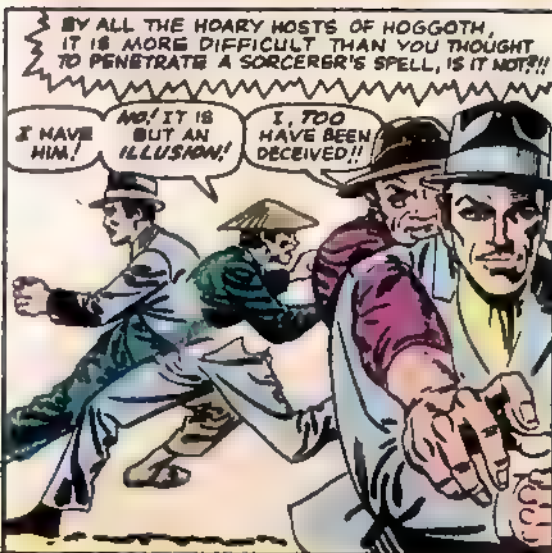
SO YOU ARE THE MIGHTY DR. STRANGE! BAN! I SHALL PRY YOUR SECRETS FROM YOU BEFORE TURNING YOU OVER TO MORDO!

GOOD! HIS VERY GREED WILL GIVE ME THE BREATHING TIME I NEED! HE HAS NOT YET CONTACTED MY ARCH-FOE!



AND THEN, DR. STRANGE CREATES A SUDDEN ILLUSION-- MAGNIFICENT IN ITS SHEER SIMPLICITY--!

BEFORE YOU CAN PRY ANY SECRETS FROM ME, YOU MUST FIRST FIND THE REAL ME! WHICH ONE WILL YOU PURSUE?? WHICH ONE IS THE REAL DR. STRANGE??

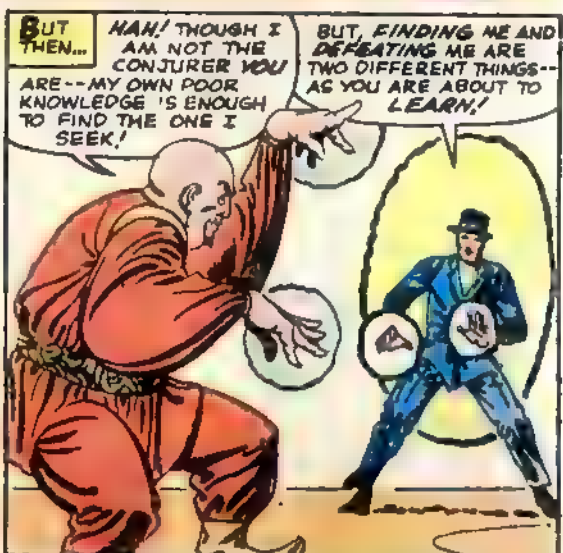


BY ALL THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH, IT IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN YOU THOUGHT TO PENETRATE A SORCERER'S SPELL, IS IT NOT??

I HAVE HIM!

NO! IT IS BUT AN ILLUSION!

I, TOO HAVE BEEN DECEIVED!!



BUT THEN...

HAN! THOUGH I AM NOT THE CONJURER YOU ARE-- MY OWN POOR KNOWLEDGE 'S ENOUGH TO FIND THE ONE I SEEK!

BUT, FINDING ME AND DEFEATING ME ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS-- AS YOU ARE ABOUT TO LEARN!

FIRST ONE SIMPLE IN ANIMATION, CALLED FOR THE SEVEN RINGS OF RAHMAHAR WILL PREVENT YOU FROM USING ANY OTHER SPELL.



I--I CANNOT SPEAK!

IN THE NAME OF MORDO-- YOU DIE!

BUT AS ALWAYS THE UNPREPARED DR STRANGE DOES THE UNEXPECTED! INSTEAD OF REPORTING TO ANOTHER MYSTIC SPELL HE LASHES OUT WITH AN EXPLOSIVE FIST--!



SOMETIMES THE SIMPLEST ATTACK IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE!

BUT, WHEN THE ODDS BECOME TOO GREAT...



HE FLIES AWAY FROM US.

STOP HIM!

GOOD! THEY'RE ALL LOOKING AT ME AT ONCE! NOW FOR MY FINAL SPELL!

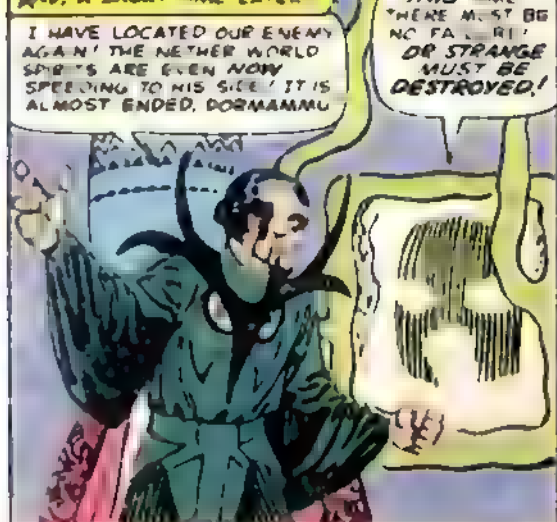


IN THE NAME OF THE ETERNAL VIKANTI-- I COMMAND YOU-- LET YOUR LIMBS BECOME LIKE STONE-- LET THE POWER OF MOVEMENT BE LOST TO YOU UNTIL I AM GONE!

HE WAS PARALYZED US! BUT, I CAN STILL THINK! I MUST MENTALLY CONTACT MORDO-- HE IS WAITING FOR MY SIGNAL! MORDO--MORDO--



AND, A SHORT TIME LATER



I HAVE LOCATED OUR ENEMY AGAIN! THE NETHER WORLD SPIRITS ARE EVEN NOW SPEEDING TO HIS SIDE! IT IS ALMOST ENDED, DORMAMMU!

THIS TIME THERE MUST BE NO FAILURE! DR STRANGE MUST BE DESTROYED!



BUT, ALTHOUGH HE IS ALONE IN A STRANGE AND FORBIDDEN LAND-- ALTHOUGH THE COMBINED POWERS OF THE DREAD DORMAMMU AND THE EVIL MORDO ARE STACKED AGAINST HIM-- HE IS STILL DR STRANGE, THE MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC-- SO WE KNOW THAT ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN! NOW PUT YOUR AMULET IN A SAFE PLACE AND TURN TO THE NEXT CHAPTER!

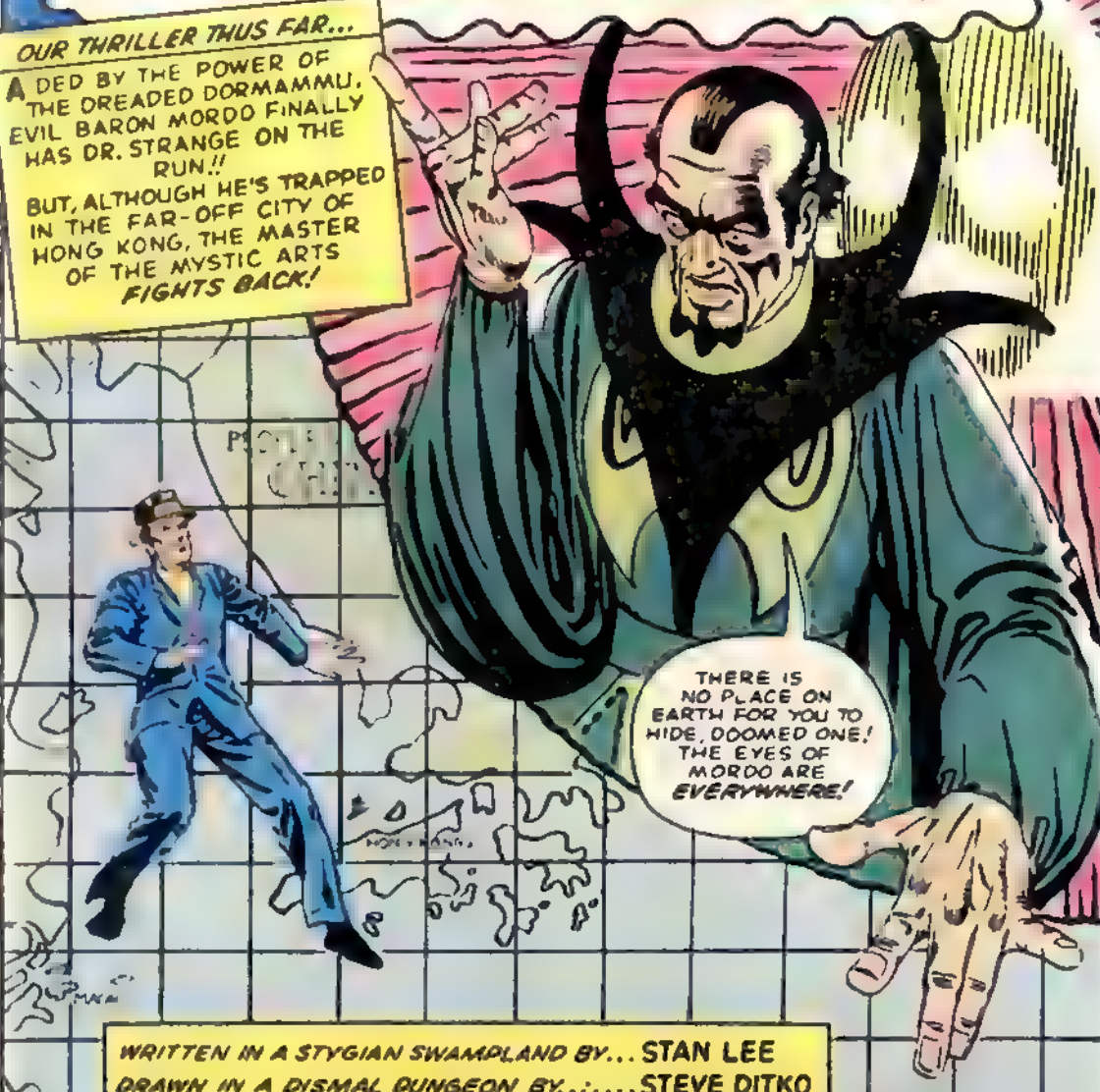
Dr. STRANGE CHAPTER II

"THE HUNTER AND THE HUNTED!"

OUR THRILLER THUS FAR...

AIDED BY THE POWER OF
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EVIL BARON MORDO FINALLY
HAS DR. STRANGE ON THE
RUN!!

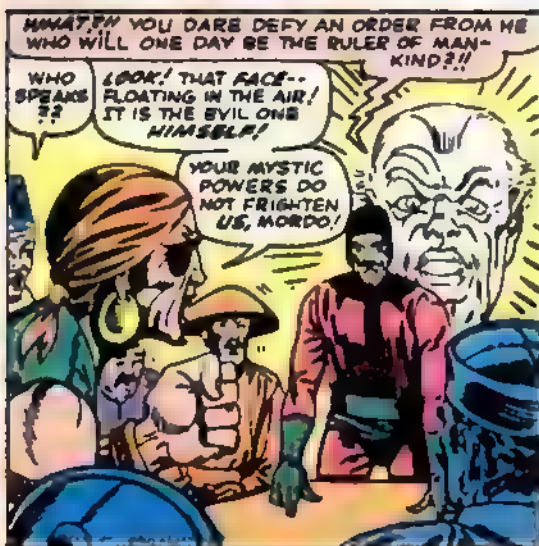
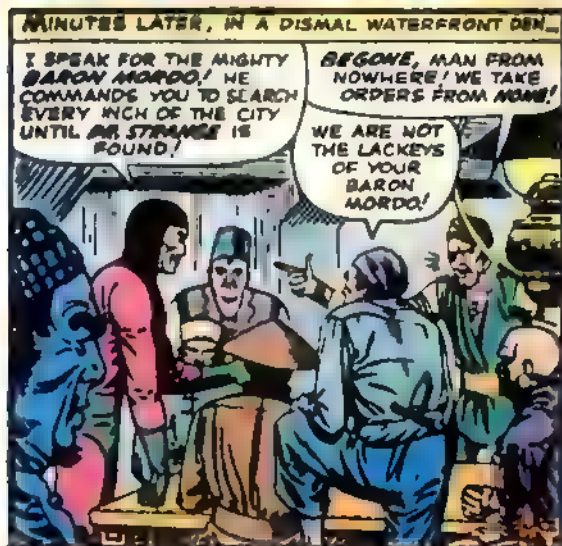
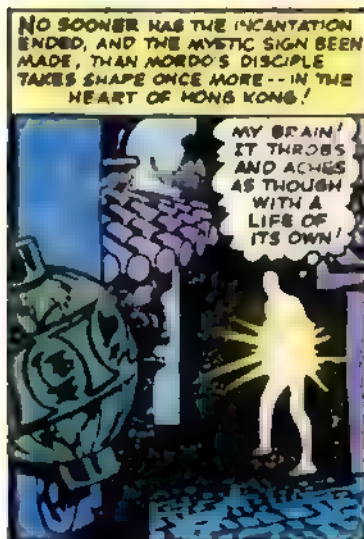
BUT, ALTHOUGH HE'S TRAPPED
IN THE FAR-OFF CITY OF
HONG KONG, THE MASTER
OF THE MYSTIC ARTS
FIGHTS BACK!



THERE IS
NO PLACE ON
EARTH FOR YOU TO
HIDE, DOOMED ONE!
THE EYES OF
MORDO ARE
EVERYWHERE!

WRITTEN IN A STYGIAN SWAMPLAND BY... STAN LEE
DRAWN IN A DISMAL DUNGEON BY..... STEVE DITKO
LETTERED IN A CONJURER'S CASTLE BY... ARTIE SIMEK

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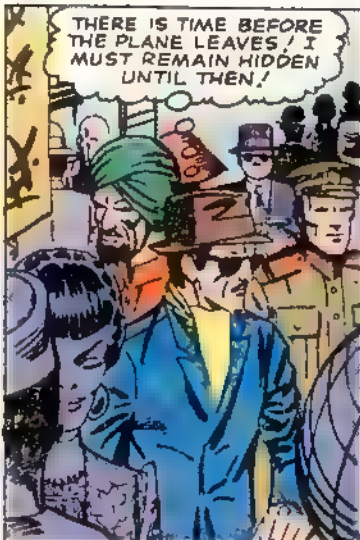
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LOST IN THE CROWD WITHIN THE BUSTLING AIRPORT, A SINGLE PLANE TICKET CHANGES HANDS SECRETLY, WITH NOT A WORD BEING SAID...



THERE IS TIME BEFORE THE PLANE LEAVES! I MUST REMAIN HIDDEN UNTIL THEN!

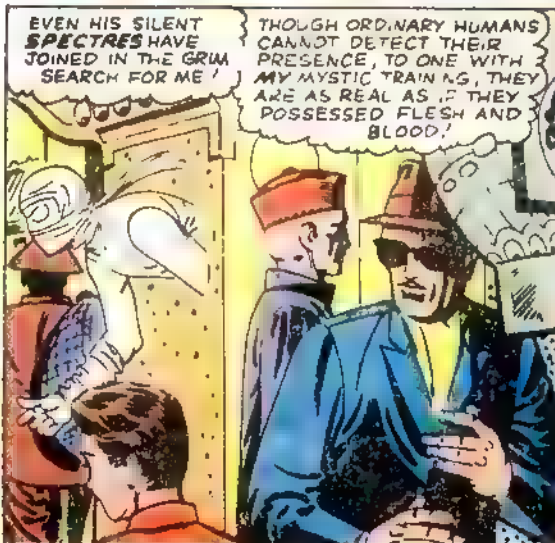


MORDO HAS MUSTERED MANY TO HIS SIDE! ANYONE I PASS MIGHT BE A DEADLY FOE, READY TO STRIKE WITHOUT WARNING!

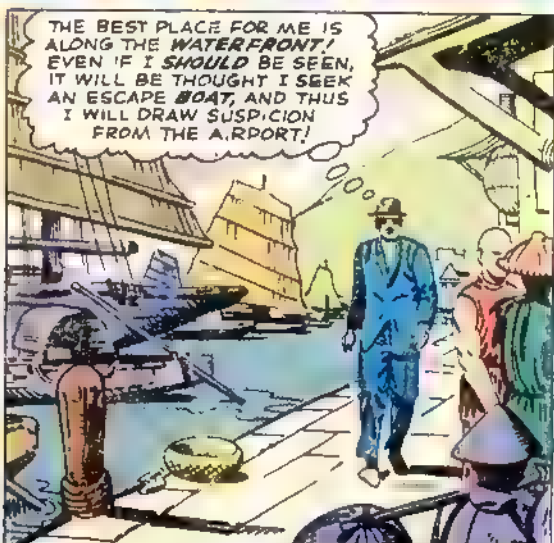


EVEN HIS SILENT SPECTRES HAVE JOINED IN THE GRIM SEARCH FOR ME!

THOUGH ORDINARY HUMANS CANNOT DETECT THEIR PRESENCE, TO ONE WITH MY MYSTIC TRAINING, THEY ARE AS REAL AS IF THEY POSSESSED FLESH AND BLOOD!



THE BEST PLACE FOR ME IS ALONG THE WATERFRONT! EVEN IF I SHOULD BE SEEN, IT WILL BE THOUGHT I SEEK AN ESCAPE BOAT, AND THUS I WILL DRAW SUSPICION FROM THE AIRPORT!



BUT THEN, THE MAGICALLY KEEN SENSES OF DR. STRANGE TINGLE IN WARNING...

THOSE CASUAL BYSTANDERS ARE NOT AS "CASUAL" AS THEY SEEM!



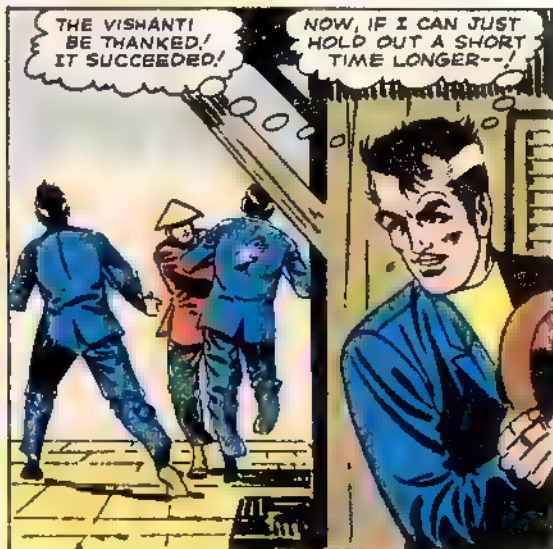
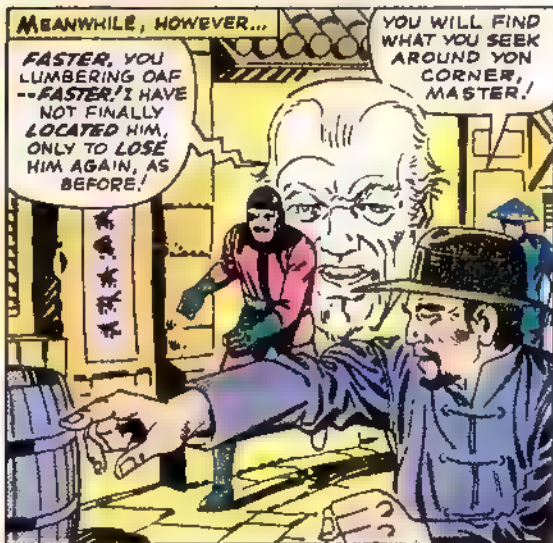
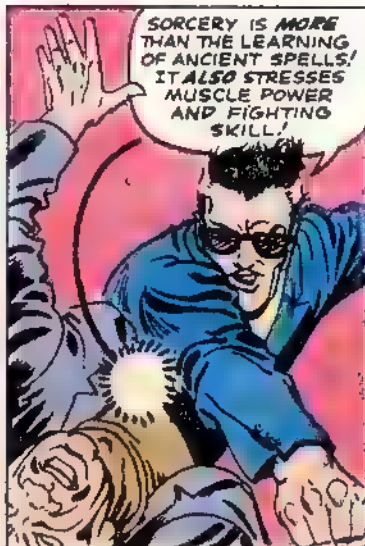
I KNEW IT! I'VE BEEN DISCOVERED! THEY'RE SURROUNDING ME!



BACK, YOU EMISSARIES OF EVIL! MAY THE SHADES OF THE SERAPHIM SUBDUE YOU!!

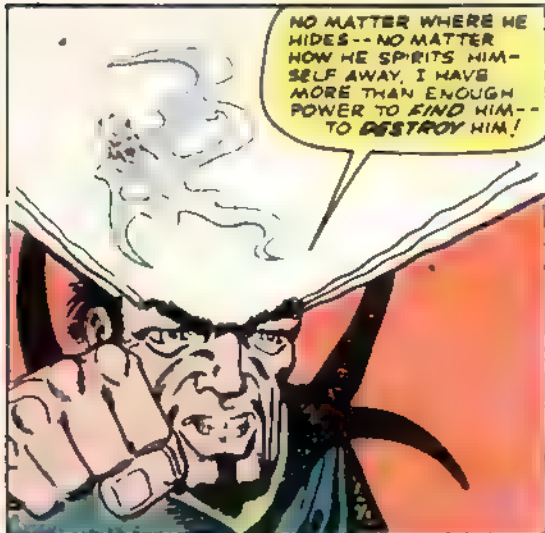
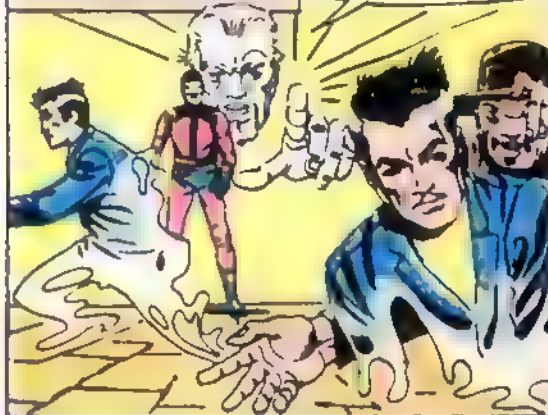
NOW! WHILE HIS BACK IS TURNED! GET HIM!





BUT, THE TIME ALLOTTED TO DR. STRANGE SEEMS TO BE RUNNING DANGEROUSLY LOW! FOR, WHEN MORDO REACHES THE SCENE...

STOP, YOU FOOLS! YOU PURSUE MERE PHANTOMS! I SHALL DEAL WITH THE TRUE ENEMY NOW!



NO MATTER WHERE HE HIDES--NO MATTER HOW HE SPIRITS HIMSELF AWAY, I HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH POWER TO FIND HIM--TO DESTROY HIM!

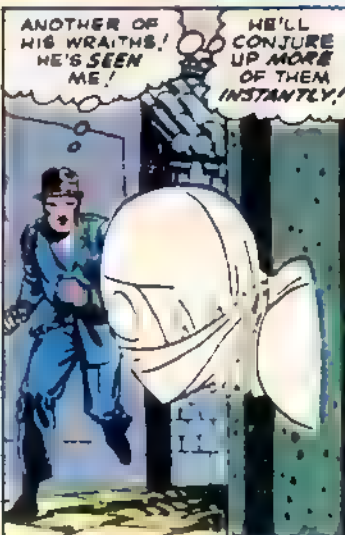
AND, EVEN AS HE RACES THRU THE TWISTING ALLEYS AND BACK STREETS OF HONG KONG, DR. STRANGE CAN SENSE THE SHEER HATRED OF MORDO--HATRED WHICH FANS OUT LIKE A LIVING, DESTRUCTIVE FORCE!

ANOTHER OF HIS WRAITHS! HE'S SEEN ME!

WE'LL CONJURE UP MORE OF THEM INSTANTLY!



MORDO HIMSELF IS DIRECTING THE HUNT FOR ME! I CAN FEEL IT!



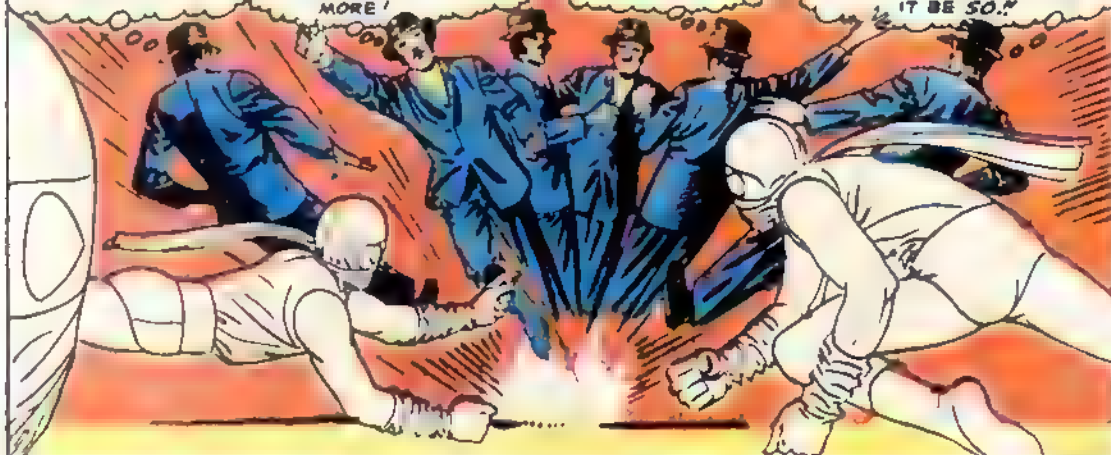
I WAS RIGHT! HERE THEY COME!

IT WILL TAKE MORDO A FRACTION OF A SECOND TO MENTALLY REACH THE SCENE!

THAT MINUTE INTERVAL OF TIME IS ALL I'LL NEED TO CREATE MY MULTIPLE BODY ILLUSION ONCE MORE!

BUT THIS TIME, I'LL ADD SOMETHING NEW TO THE MYSTIC EFFECT--

EACH ILLUSORY FIGURE SHALL HAVE THE POWER OF HYPNOTISM! BY THE MANY MOONS OF MUNNAPOR, LET IT BE SO!



THUS, EACH ETHEREAL
FLARE THROWS A
MYSTIC SPELL OF
HYPNOTIC CONFUSION
AROUND THE MIND-
LESS WRAITHS...



"GIVING THE FUGITIVE
SORCERER ANOTHER
CHANCE TO ESCAPE THE
DEADLY TRAP!"

NOW FOR THE MOST
CRUCIAL PART OF MY
FLIGHT! IT IS ALMOST
TIME FOR MY PLANE'S
DEPARTURE! I DARE
NOT MISS IT!



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--- I CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY
BATTLE MORDO, WITH HIS
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POWERS, HERE ON HIS HOME
GROUNDS! OUR NEXT TARGET
MUST BE AT A TIME AND
PLACE OF MY CHOOSING!

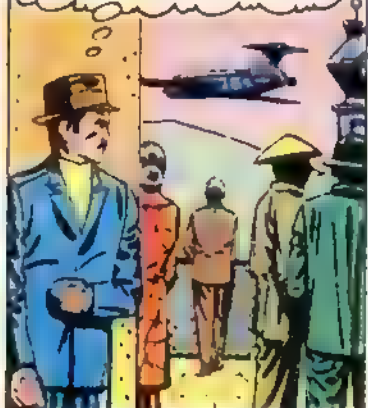


AND THAT TIME WILL SURELY
COME! FOR, AS LONG AS MORDO
POSSESSES SUCH AWESOME
POWER-- SO LONG AS THE
VENERABLE ANCIENT ONE MUST
REMAIN IN HIDING-- I SHALL
NEVER STOP FIGHTING THE WICKED
BARON!



BUT THEN, UPON REACHING THE
AIRPORT...

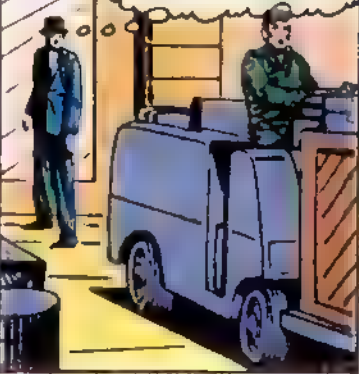
MORDO'S AGENTS!
I CANNOT BE MISTAKEN! THE
AURA OF SHEER EVIL IS
ALMOST STIFLING TO ME!



IF THEY
SEE ME, I'LL
NEVER MAKE
IT TO THE
PLANE!

BUT I MUST REACH
IT-- WITHOUT THEM
SUSPECTING-- IF I
AM TO SURVIVE TO
FIGHT ANOTHER
DAY!

THAT CARGO HANDLER!
HE IS MY ANSWER!



BY THE ROVING RINGS
OF RAGNADORR,
INNOCENT ONE, MY
WILL IS YOUR WILL!
YOU MUST
OBEY!

I--
MUST--
OBEY!



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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Betcha didn't know that we publish a lot of different magazines besides the comics! Oh, yeah? Name one! Stan! "Okay, I will. Next time you're blissfully browsing at your local newsstand, notice a great-looking mag that seems to hit you smack between the eyes with a big, bold title that says **CELEBRITY**. Now gently reach down and open it to the contents page. Whose name do you see shyly hiding atop the list? Hoo ha! **CELEBRITY**—from the same lovable company that gave you heartburn and warls—oops, I mean **SPIDER MAN** and **THOR**! In the months that follow, we'll clue you in to some of the other mildly magnificent mags we bestow upon thee—and don't be too surprised if they're totally unexpected. After all, we never said we don't produce the **CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**! Okay, next item of incredible interest. Not only will the entire civilized world have a full-length live-action motion picture featuring Spider-Man to cheer about next year, but it looks as though there'll also be another dynamite movie starring of green skin—none other than the Incredible Hulk. Like the man said—movies are better than ever. More details later, as soon as the whole blamed Bulpen stops applying for starring roles! (Honest. Y'ing Forbush told me I oughtta star in the Hulk film. I modestly told him I didn't think I resembled Bruce Banner enough. He said he wasn't talking about Banner—he meant I should play the Hulk! You won't be seeing much of ol' Ivy around here from now on.)

And we keep rollin' along. If any of you are near Baltimore, October 13th, I'm supposed to be dispensing the Marvel brand of culture and erudition at a symposium at Johns Hopkins University on that date. So don't say I didn't warn you soon enough for you to make sure you're miles away at that time! Personal note: (To my buddy, Pete Persenall, I wanna thank the various college booking agents for all the lecture invitations, but have a heart. Let's—mean I be away from the Bulpen all the time. It's against my religion to be outta town on payday. Anyway, I'm hitting as many campuses as I can. Just make sure they don't hit me back.)

Well, that wraps it up for now. I've gotta rush out and see if my local book store is carrying **SON OF ORIGINS**. If so, I wanna tell em to put it down cause it's kinda heavy!—Okay, I apologize for that one—but it's been a tough day. Anyhow, I'll we meet again, remember—a quando bonus dormitat Homerus! (Let's see what Brand X can make out of that!)

Excelsior!

ITEM! The big news that's fogging the talented last buds of every Marvel writer and artist in the batty Bulpen is the sensational switch-over of **MARVEL PREMIERE** and **MARVEL SPOTLIGHT** from mags featuring a regular roster of riotous heroes (namely the ever-powerful **IRON FIST** and the super-sister **SON OF SATAN**—both of whom have been awarded their own spankin'-new mags by the way) to a pair of pulsatin' publications premiering totally new heroes and heroines and spotlighting some of Marvel's greatest do-gooders in their own solo adventures. On tap for **PREMIERE** are the explosive debuts of **THE LIBERTY LEGION**, **WOOD-GOD** and **MOON-KNIGHT** among others while set for **SPOTLIGHT** are single-stories featuring the valiant **VISON**, the high-flying **NIGHT-HAWK** and the sword-wielding saga of **SINBAD**'s seventh voyage. Like we said, we're all in to put to paper some of our favorites, and if all this doesn't prove that Mighty Marvel is on the move again, well, try the next few tidbits.

ITEM! While we're waitin' to unleash the long-awaited series starring both **THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY** and **TIGRA THE WERE WOMAN**, why not take a peek at a couple of fabulous films called **BLOODSTONE** and **MOORED THE MYSTIC**. We've got a hunch these two thrillers will soon be as sought after as the space-soaring **SILVER SURFER**. And, who knows, if enough of you Wild Ones demand it, you just may have two more magnificent mags to add to your captivatin' collections. Remember, there will be only two issues each of both these try-outs appearing respectively in **MARVEL PRESENTS** and **MARVEL CHILLERS**. So if you want in on a couple of sure-fire collector's items, hurry down to your newsstands right now 'cause with issue three of both titles, the **GUARDIANS** and **TIGRA** will be taken over.

ITEM! And while we're mentioning a few far-out new features, we've just got to say something nice about **RED SONJA**, appearing every other month in **MARVEL FEATURE**, 'cause I we don't our sensational **She-Devil With A Sword** may just come lookin' for us.

ITEM! And while we're speaking of bi-monthly books, we've temporarily cut the **INVADERS** down to a six-times-a-year schedule to give the Rascally One a

little breather in between his awe-inspiring **CHAMAN** mags, the fabulous **FANTASTIC FOUR**, the Marvelous **Land Of OZ** series, and **MARVEL TWO IN ONE**, which our Editor Emeritus is planning to write at long last. Keep it up, Roy—at your current pace, you'll soon be writing as much as speed demon **DOUG MOENCH**, perhaps the fastest scribe this side of ol' Smiley himself.

ITEM! As these wondrous words are being written, virtually every member of the Marvel Bulpen has come to New York for the annual July Comicon, and taking advantage of this once-a-year miracle, our cartoon creators have banded together to concoct a few zillion new surprises for ya in the next months. Stainless **STEVE ENGLEHART** and Marvelous **MARY WOLFMAN** worked out the final stages of their soon-to-be classic **DRACULA** and **STRANGE** team-up, while Rascally **ROY THOMAS** and Livey **LEN WEIN** put the finishing touches on a bit of **THING**, **HULK FANTASTIC FOUR** continuity. At the same time, the terrific team of Dev & May Cane, **DOUG MOENCH** and **Duffie DON PERLIN** discussed their newest plans for every member's favorite shaggy-star himself, **WEREWOLF BY NIGHT**. Yeah, you heard it here first. Contrary to all rumors, Jack Russell's favorite alter ego has not gone the way of all our work monsters. Instead, his book will continue coming at ya as always, only now on a bi-monthly basis. The two Ds have a few special ideas that they've worked out together, and they just can't wait to hear your reactions. So, if you're a regular reader of **WEREWOLF**, or you're just someone looking for something a wee bit different, be sure to pick up our favorite lycanthrope on your way back from work or school. We've got a hunch that he won't let ya down.

ITEM! And speaking of bombshells, we're just bustin' to tell ya—The Mighty Marvel Checkist Lives Again! Beginning in just a month or three, we'll be bringin' atcha a whole new page of facts, columns and full-color covers, includin' an interview ever want to know about what Mighty Marvels up to that month. And what's more—we'll be changin' the checkist every two weeks, so each and every one of your favorites will surely be mentioned. Keep on the look out, Frank. One you know how sneaky we can be.

ITEM! Remember how last month we swore we'd let ya know as soon as the **FANTASTIC FOUR** radio show was playin' in your neighborhood. Well, we still can't detail the exact times or dates, 'til be hittin' your home town, but here's a partial list of the sensational stations carryin' our broad casts in the coming months. Check your local papers for the exact listings of ol' Mighty Marvel Megawatt Madness.

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• AND MORE TO COME

MOMENTS LATER, THE POSSESSED CARGO HANDLER SLOWLY CHANGES DIRECTION AND HEADS FOR THE PLANE WHICH IS THE GOAL OF DR. STRANGE.

MORDO'S MEN ARE SURE TO SENSE MY PRESENCE-- BUT THEY HAVE NOT THE POWER TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I AM!

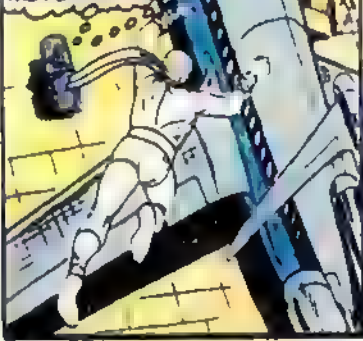


I SEEM TO FEEL A SURGE OF MYSTIC FORCE-- AS THOUGH WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF SORCERY!

IT MEANS HE IS NEAR! BUT-- WHERE??



SO FAR, SO GOOD! NOW-- DRIVE DIRECTLY UNDER THE WING OF THE WAITING PLANE-- IT SHALL CONCEAL MY MOVEMENTS!



FOR I SENSE ANOTHER EVIL SPIRIT HOVERING ABOVE!

THEN WAITING UNTIL THE WRAITH OF BARON MORDO HAS DRIFTED OUT OF IMMEDIATE VISION RANGE, THE MASTER OF MAGIC DARINGLY MAKES HIS MOVE ...!

THESE ARE THE CRUCIAL TWO SECONDS ON WHICH ALL DEPENDS!

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME SIR! WE TAKE OFF IMMEDIATELY!



THE EVIL SPIRIT IS VISIBLY AGITATED! MORDO MUST BE RAGING! HE KNOWS I'VE ELUDED HIM! WHAT WILL HE DO NEXT??



HE'S ENTERED THE PLANE! MORDO MUST BE DIRECTING HIM PERSONALLY ... SEEING ME THRU HIS EYES!

THIS IS THE MOMENT OF DECISION! ALL CAN BE WON OR LOST WITHIN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS!

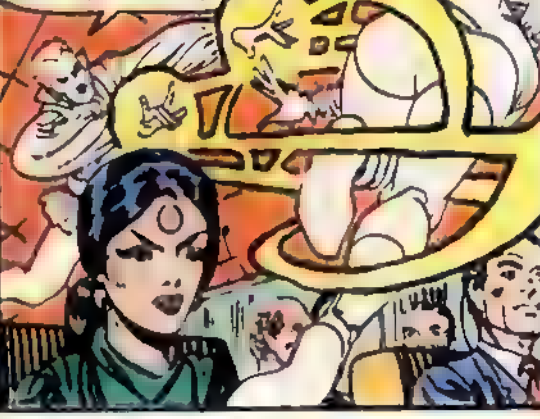


ONLY BY ASSUMING A SPIRIT FORM MYSELF CAN I BATTLE MORDO'S WRAITH!

NO MATTER WHAT SHALL NOW BEFALL, THE OCCUPANTS OF THE PLANE WILL BE TOTALLY UNAWARE OF IT!



BY THE OMNIPOTENT OSHTUR! BY THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH! IN THE NAME OF THE ETERNAL VISHANTI! BEGONE! RETURN TO THE NOTHINGNESS FROM WHENCE YOU HAVE COME!



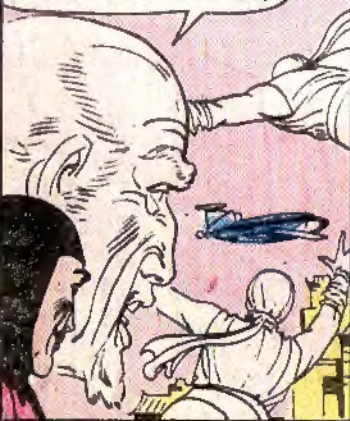
ONE MYSTIC MICRO-SECOND
LATER...

I'VE BEEN THWARTED!
I CAN SEE MY VICTIM
NO LONGER! MY WRAITH
HAS VANISHED! I CAN
ONLY SEE THRU THE
EYES OF THE OTHERS!
AND THEY ARE TOO FAR
FROM MY ENEMY!

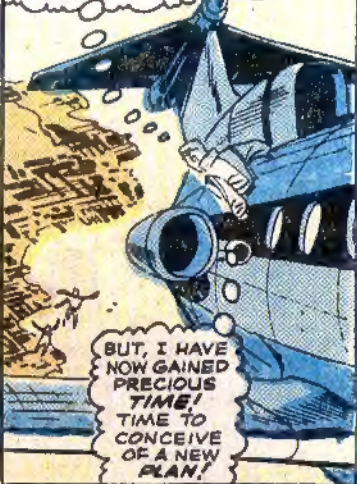


BUT, PERHAPS THERE IS STILL
TIME! FLY, MY AVENGING WRAITHS!

FLY WITH THE SPEED OF
THE TREMBLING STORM!
DEATH TO DR. STRANGE!



THE OTHERS COME--AS I
EXPECTED!



BUT, I HAVE
NOW GAINED
PRECIOUS
TIME!
TIME TO
CONCEIVE
OF A NEW
PLAN!

IT IS BUT THE
WORK OF A MOMENT
TO GARB MYSELF
IN THE MANNER
OF MORDO'S
WRAITHS!

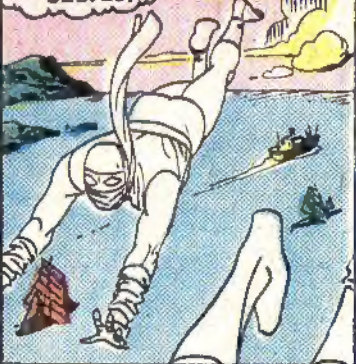
NOW, MY FATE
DEPENDS
UPON SHEER
DECEPTION--
UPON THE
WITLESSNESS
OF MY SPIRIT
PURSUERS!



IN MY ETHEREAL FORM, I CAN
FLY AS THEY DO! BY WAVING MY
ARMS, I SIGNAL THAT DR.
STRANGE HAS VANISHED!



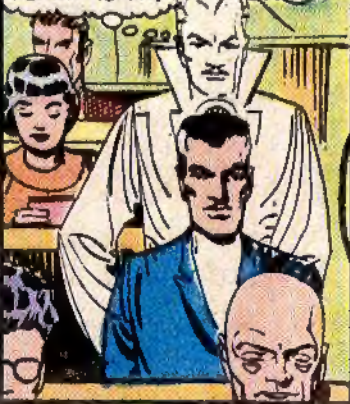
IT WORKED! THEY
RETURN TO THEIR
EVIL MASTER FOR
NEW INSTRUCTIONS!
THEY HAD NO
REASON TO
SUSPECT ONE
OF THEM-
SELVES!



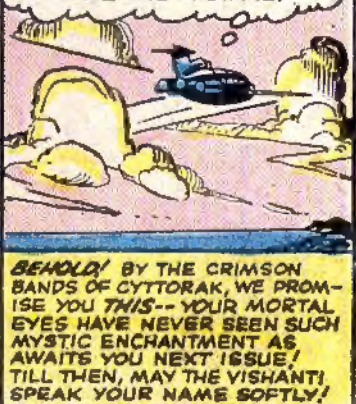
I WAS A FOOL! I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN STRANGE
WOULDN'T DARE TAKE A PLANE
--HE'D BE TOO VULNERABLE!
HE USED AN ILLUSION TO
LURE ME TO THE AIRPORT
HE HID SOMEWHERE ELSE!



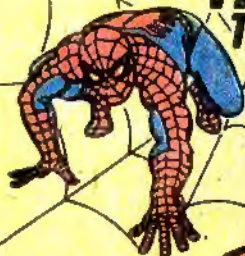
THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY! HAD I
ATTEMPTED TO FLEE IN MY
ETHEREAL FORM, MORDO WOULD
HAVE FOUND ME WITH A SIMPLE
SPELL! BUT, HE IS NOT LIKELY
TO THINK OF SEARCHING THIS
PLANE AGAIN!



BUT, IT IS NO VICTORY I HAVE
WON! MERELY A BRIEF
RESPIRE! I STILL MUST LEARN
THE SOURCE OF MORDO'S NEW
POWER--AND, UNTIL I DO, MY
LIFE IS FORFEIT IF I DARE
MAKE ONE MISTAKE!



BEHOLD! BY THE CRIMSON
BANDS OF CYTTORAK, WE PROM-
ISE YOU THIS-- YOUR MORTAL
EYES HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH
MYSTIC ENCHANTMENT AS
AWAITS YOU NEXT ISSUE!
TILL THEN, MAY THE VISHANTI
SPEAK YOUR NAME SOFTLY!



**THIS IS IT!
THE TREASURE
YOU'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR!**

GIVE A MEDALLION TO THE ONE YOU LOVE! EVEN IF IT'S YOURSELF!

AND, FOR THAT MATTER,
MAYBE YOU'VE GOT AN
ENEMY WHO COULD STAND
A SMIDGEN OF SARTORIAL
SELF-IMPROVEMENT...



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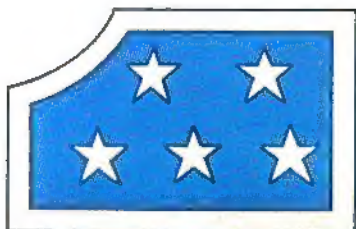
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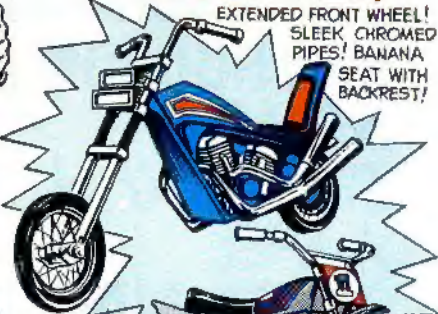
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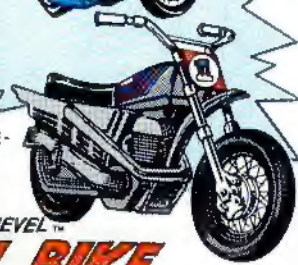
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